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19 October 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Project AEBIGWIG

REFERENCE : Operational Outline on AEBIGWIG, Spring - Summer 1958

1. The meeting was held in [ ] office on 16 October 1957 at 1400 hours, for the purpose of discussing Project AEBIGWIG. Participants included [ ] SR/COP/PP; [ ] SR/7; [ ] (all from SR/3); and [ ] (all from SR/7/DOB).

2. [ ] opened the meeting by stating that he had several questions about the Operational Outline of Project AEBIGWIG. The main objections centered around Paragraph (3) of "Objectives", which reads, "Clarify the position of the Foreign Representation of the Supreme Ukrainian Liberation Council and determine the feasibility of continuing Agency support to the group." [ ] questioned the advisability of making such a limitation since the PP operations could still be continued even if there were no contact with the underground. It was agreed to change this paragraph to read, "Determine the resistance potential of the Ukrainian underground."

3. [ ] made the suggestion that the letters FI be deleted from the opening sentence. [ ] suggested that Paragraph (3) a. regarding the exfiltration of the two Ukrainians into Turkey also be deleted, as it had no real connection with the Project. All present agreed to these changes.

4. It was suggested that we obtain a candidate prior to going ahead with the Project. [ ] stated the memorandum was primarily an effort to find out if there was enough interest on the staff level of SR Division to mount a REDSOX operation into the Ukraine before any SR/7/DOB assets were actually expended in implementing such a project.

5. It was agreed that SR/7/DOB should make the agreed revisions and resubmit the memorandum. The meeting was adjourned at 1530 hours.

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26 September 1951

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, BR**

**SUBJECT : Operational Outline - ABRIGAD  
Spring - Summer 1952**

## **1. Background**

a. Operation ABRIGAD is the latest version of Ukrainian FI operations which began with Project FRODOX (IS 3892, dtd 27 March 1950). Basically the FRODOX project was initiated to effect a contact with the Ukrainian Supreme Liberation Council in the homeland through its foreign representatives in the West. The approved project then was renamed ABRIGAD and approved by AD/EO on 6 September 1951 for \$250,000. Contacts and operations with the Ukrainian underground were successful and continued close until Fall 1951. At this time most of the agent assets were compromised and the operation became a CE venture, eliminated by the exfiltration of two RIB-sponsored agents in September 1951.

b. The ZPUNE is represented in the West by Mykola Lobed, who received a confirmation of 1950 mandate in July 1951 via W/T. It stated that he had the authority to act as the homeland's chief foreign representative in the field of diplomacy, training and communication between the West and the Ukrainian underground. Simultaneously, the underground government indicated that it would attempt to dispatch an official representative for negotiations with the West. This representative never did arrive.

c. Although the project was renewed every year, no more dispatches to the underground were attempted. The contacts dwindled and stopped in early 1951. The only contacts received were those double playbacks supervised by the RIB. The FI portion of ABRIGAD became a paper project. Contact with ABRIGAD/2 was maintained for future operations.

## **2. Project ABRIGAD 1952**

### **a. Area of Operations**

The area of operations will be within the Ukrainian SSR.

### **b. Objectives**

The operation will be designed to:

- (1) Effect a contact with the remaining elements of the Ukrainian underground from whom nothing has been heard since 1951 when they were ordered by internal leaders to curtail overt acts of hostility for passive means.

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